

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the heading “Background of the Invention” on page 1, line 4 of the specification.

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, line 20 as follows:

Naturally, the decision ~~as to onto~~ regarding which one of the HD and a DVD each content should be recorded should be based on the user's choice; however, since a DVD is removable, there is a possibility that no DVD is attached to the recorder when a recording is to start. In order to cope with this situation, many hybrid recorders have a function of “relief recording”, which is to perform a recording onto the HD instead of onto a DVD, in a case where, when a recording supposed to be on DVD is to start, no DVD is attached.

Please replace the heading “Disclosure of the Invention” with the heading --Summary of the Invention-- on page 4, line 2 of the specification.

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, line 9 as follows:

In order to achieve these objects, the present invention provides a recording apparatus for recording contents, ~~said the recording apparatus comprising includes~~: a drive unit operable to have a portable recording medium removably attached; a relief recording medium; an obtaining unit operable to obtain specification information which specifies one or more portable recording media to be used for recording a content; a recording control unit operable to perform control so that (i) in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to ~~said the~~ drive unit when the content is to be recorded, the content is recorded onto the attached portable recording medium, and (ii) in a case where none of the specified portable recording media are attached to ~~said the~~ drive unit when the content is to be recorded, the content is recorded onto ~~said the~~ relief recording medium; and a dubbing control unit operable to, in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to ~~said the~~ drive unit after the content has been recorded onto the relief recording medium, dub the recorded content from ~~said the~~ relief recording medium onto the one of the specified portable recording media.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, line 5 as follows:

Further, the recording apparatus may have an arrangement wherein the specification information specifies one portable recording medium, using a piece of identification information which uniquely identifies the one portable recording medium; and ~~said-the~~ recording control unit judges that the specified portable recording medium is attached to ~~said-the~~ drive unit when a currently attached portable recording medium is identified with the piece of identification information.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, line 20 as follows:

The recording apparatus may have an arrangement wherein the specified portable recording medium has the piece of identification information recorded thereon; and ~~said-the~~ recording control unit makes the judgment by comparing the piece of identification information recorded on a currently attached portable recording medium with the piece of identification information used by the specification information.

Please amend the paragraph on page 7, line 6 as follows:

The recording apparatus further may have an arrangement wherein the specification information specifies the one or more portable recording media, using a piece of identification information that identifies a group made up of the one or more portable recording media; and ~~said~~ the recording control unit judges that one of the specified portable recording media is attached to ~~said-the~~ drive unit when a currently attached portable recording medium belongs to the group identified with the piece of identification information.

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, line 8 as follows:

The recording apparatus may have an arrangement wherein each of the one or more specified portable recording media has the piece of identification information recorded thereon, the piece of identification information showing the group to which each recording medium belongs; and ~~said-the~~ recording control unit makes the judgment by comparing the piece of identification information recorded on a currently attached portable recording medium with the piece of identification information used by the specification information.

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, line 17 as follows:

Alternatively, the recording apparatus may further ~~comprise-include~~ a list storing unit that stores a list showing the one or more specified portable recording media belonging to the group; wherein ~~said-the~~ recording control unit makes the judgment by referring to the list.

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, line 1 as follows:

The recording apparatus may have an arrangement wherein ~~said-the~~ obtaining unit is further operable to obtain time information which indicates a time at which the content is broadcasted as a broadcast program, and the recording control unit performs the control so that the content is recorded at the time indicated by the time information.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, line 10 as follows:

The recording apparatus may further ~~comprise-include~~ an area releasing unit operable to, in a case where after the time indicated by the time information has arrived and the content is not recorded on either of ~~said-the~~ relief recording medium and the specified portable recording medium having the piece of preset information recorded thereon, release an area that is within the specified portable recording medium having the piece of preset information and is reserved for the recording of the content.

Please amend the paragraph on page 12, line 5 as follows:

The recording apparatus may further ~~comprise-include~~ an area releasing unit operable to, in a case where the piece of preset information is deleted from the specified portable recording medium, release an area that is within the specified portable recording medium having the piece of preset information and is reserved for the recording of the content.

Please amend the paragraph on page 12, line 18 as follows:

The recording apparatus may have an arrangement wherein the content is a piece of image data included in communication data which the recording apparatus receives from an external device operable to communicate with ~~said-the~~ recording apparatus; the obtaining unit obtains the specification information from the communication data; and ~~said-the~~ recording

control unit performs the control of recording the content when ~~said-the~~ recording apparatus has received the communication data from the external device.

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, line 21 as follows:

The recording apparatus may further ~~comprise-include~~ a list storing unit that stores a list showing options of portable recording media among which the one or more portable recording media specified in the specification information can be selected from; and a notifying unit operable to notify the external device of the options of the portable recording media shown in the list.

Please amend the paragraph on page 14, line 14 as follows:

The recording apparatus may further ~~comprise-include~~ a presenting unit operable to present a warning to a user when the content has been recorded onto ~~said-the~~ relief recording medium.

Please amend the paragraph on page 15, line 3 as follows:

The recording apparatus may have an arrangement wherein the warning presented by ~~said-the~~ presenting unit suggests that one of the specified portable recording media should be attached to ~~said-the~~ drive unit.

Please amend the paragraph on page 15, line 7 as follows:

Further, the recording apparatus may further ~~comprise-include~~ a list storing unit that stores a list showing one or more portable recording media, wherein in a case where at least one of the specified portable recording media is shown in the list, ~~said-the~~ presenting unit presents a warning which suggests that the at least one of the specified portable recording media should be attached to ~~said-the~~ drive unit; and in a case where none of the specified portable recording media are shown in the list, ~~said-the~~ presenting unit presents a warning which suggests that any portable recording medium except for the one or more portable recording media shown in the list should be attached to ~~said-the~~ drive unit.

Please amend the paragraph on page 16, line 7 as follows:

The present invention further provides an integrated circuit for a recording apparatus which includes a drive unit operable to have a portable recording medium removably attached

and a relief recording medium, ~~said the integrated circuit comprising includes~~: an obtaining unit operable to obtain specification information which specifies one or more portable recording media to be used for recording a content; a recording control unit operable to perform control so that (i) in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to the drive unit when the content is to be recorded, the content is recorded onto the attached portable recording medium, and (ii) in a case where none of the specified portable recording media are attached to the drive unit when the content is to be recorded, the content is recorded onto the relief recording medium; and a dubbing control unit operable to, in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to the drive unit after the content has been recorded onto the relief recording medium, dub the recorded content from the relief recording medium onto the one of the specified portable recording media.

Please amend the paragraph on page 17, line 21 as follows:

In order to achieve the object, the present invention provides a computer program to be executed by a computer which includes a drive unit operable to have a portable recording medium removably attached and a relief recording medium, ~~said the computer program comprising includes~~: program code operable to cause the computer to obtain specification information which specifies one or more portable recording media to be used for recording a content; program code operable to cause the computer to, (i) in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to the drive unit when the content is to be recorded, record the content onto the attached portable recording medium, and (ii) in a case where none of the specified portable recording media are attached to the drive unit when the content is to be recorded, record the content onto the relief recording medium; and program code operable to cause the computer to, in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to the drive unit after the content has been recorded onto the relief recording medium, dub the recorded content from the relief recording medium onto the one of the specified portable recording media.

Please amend the paragraph on page 19, line 11 as follows:

In order to achieve the object, the present invention also provides a content recording method used by a recording apparatus that includes a drive unit operable to have a portable

recording medium removably attached and a relief recording medium, ~~said-the~~ content recording method ~~comprising includes~~: obtaining specification information which specifies one or more portable recording media to be used for recording a content; (i) in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to the drive unit when the content is to be recorded, recording the content onto the attached portable recording medium, and (ii) in a case where none of the specified portable recording media are attached to the drive unit when the content is to be recorded, recording the content onto the relief recording medium; and in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to the drive unit after the content has been recorded onto the relief recording medium, dubbing the recorded content from the relief recording medium onto the one of the specified portable recording media.

Please amend the paragraph on page 20, line 23 as follows:

In order to achieve the object, the present invention also provides a recording medium ~~comprising that includes~~: a piece of preset information for instructing a recording apparatus to record a content; wherein ~~said-the~~ piece of preset information includes: program information for identifying a broadcast program for broadcasting the content; specification information for instructing that the content should be recorded onto ~~said-the~~ recording medium; and area information for specifying a preprogramming area within ~~said-the~~ recording medium into which only the content is allowed to be recorded.

Please replace the heading “Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention” with the heading --Detailed Description of the Invention-- on page 24, line 15 of the specification.

Please amend the paragraph on page 25, line 15 as follows:

The following describes the hardware configuration of the hybrid recorder 100. As shown in FIG. 2, the hybrid recording 100 ~~comprises includes~~: a tuner 1, an encoder 2, a decoder 3, an OSD (On-Screen Display) generating unit 4, an overlay unit 5, an HDD 6, a DVD drive 7, a user operation receiving unit 8, a microcomputer system 9, a communication unit 10, and a bus 11. The encoder 2, the decoder 3, the OSD generating unit 4, the HDD 6, the DVD drive 7, the microcomputer system 9, and the communication unit 10 are connected to one another via the bus 11.